

Dear sirs,

I implore you not to allow the "Hollywood Cartel" to control technological innovation in the United States. If the Hollywood lobby is allowed to force broadcast flags onto digital television and make new laws by outlawing HDTV receivers that do not "restrict" digital output in the manner that Hollywood deems acceptable; then Hollywood is truly restricting the technical capability of electronics companies.

We all know that Jack Valenti (MPAA) once compared the VCR to the Boston Strangler when they were trying to get the VCR outlawed. They lost that battle, and the VCR opened up numerous new business opportunities and generated millions (if not billions) of new dollars for the "Content Industry". Please don't let Hollywood's fear of new technology (digital format) result in the United States falling behind the rest of the world in technical innovation.

Additionally, I am equally concerned that Hollywood, if given the ability to restrict digital output, will utilize that ability to take away my Supreme Court given fair use rights to time and space-shift recorded television. With whatever decisions are made, I think it would be highly appropriate to obtain demonstrated proof and guarantees that ALL existing fair use rights will be maintained (including time and space shifting).

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